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TAGS: CASC: DFED (GERBUSH, SIMON)

SUBJ: W/W SIMON GERBUSH

REF: STATE 04385

1. MR SIMON GERBUSH REPEAT SIMON GERBUSH, A BLIND 100 PCT DISABLED VETERAN WAS HOSPITALIZED IN BARBADOS ON FEB. 17 FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL HERE WITH WIFE ON BOARD A CRUISE SHIP. HE HAS BEEN IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL SINCE THAT DATE AND IS BEING TREATED BY DR. RICHARD HAYNES. THE DIAGNOSIS IS CORONARY THROMBOSIS. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN ANTICIPATES DISCHARGING GERBUSH FROM HOSPITAL ON MARCH 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. AND MRS. GERBUSH PLAN TO RETURN US MARCH 19.

2. EMBASSY FORWARDED OM TO VA HOSPITAL WASHDC ON FEBRUARY 24 WITH VA FORM 10-10 COMPLETED BY VETERAN. OM REQUESTED INFORMATION ON SERVICES THAT COULD BE EXTENDED TO VETERAN AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS SINCE 7 FAM 210.7 INDICATES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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MEDICAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY WITH RESPECT TO A DISEASE

OR INJURY INCURRED OR AGGRAVATED IN MILITARY SERVICE AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER GERBUSH FALLS WITHIN THIS CATEGORY AS A RESULT OF CORONARY THROMBOSIS.

3. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFO FROM DR. HAYNES EARLY MORNING MARCH 1, TO EFFECT THAT GERBUSH WOULD BE RELEASED SHORTLY AND ABLE TO TRAVEL WITHIN THREE WEEKS, A TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO VA HOSPITAL, SHORTLY BEFORE REFTEL RECEIVED, REPEATING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON EXTENT OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THIS VETERAN. MR AND MRS. GERBUSH DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR HOSPITAL AND OTHER RELATED CARE.

4. PLEASE INFORM DAVID SCHNAIR OF ABOVE. DEPT WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS VA HOSPITAL REPLIES TO OUR CABLE. IT IS NOT CLEAR, AT THIS TIME, WHETHER IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER CASE UNDER 7 FAM 375 AND 219.8. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH MR. GERBUSH AFTER HE HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL. BRITTON

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